



RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY
FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10.00 AM
CIVIC CENTRE, RIDLEY STREET, REDCAR TS10 1TD

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CIRCULATION

Councillors Allen, I Blades, C Cawley, D Coupe, W Davies, M Dodds, M Fairley,
T Furness, P Gavigan, P Grogan, L Hall, I Hart, L Hurst, Hussain, E Johnson, Mazi
and P Weston

All Members of the Council (for information)

Managing Director (Head of Paid Service)

The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

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RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

A meeting of the River Tees Port Health Authority was held on Friday, 13 June 2025 at the Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar TS10 1TD.

PRESENT Councillor Allen (Chair)
Councillors I Blades, C Cawley, D Coupe,
W Davies, M Fairley, T Furness, P Gavigan,
P Grogan, L Hall, I Hart, Mazi and P Weston.

OFFICIALS .

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor .

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Dodds and Hussain.

63 **TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE AUTHORITY (FROM HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL) FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26**

RESOLVED that Councillor G Allen (Hartlepool Borough Council) be elected as Chair for 2025/26.

64 **TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE AUTHORITY (FROM MIDDLESBROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL) FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26**

RESOLVED that Councillor I Blades (Middlesbrough Borough Council) be elected as Vice Chair for 2025/26

65 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

APOLOGIES for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dodds and Hussain.

66 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

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67 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2025**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record

68 **NOMINATIONS TO THE RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY 2025/26 AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Clerk to the River Tees Port Health Authority presented a report which advised Members of the nominations to the River Tees Port Health Authority that had been received from the constituent Riparian Authorities for the municipal year of 2025/26. The report also set out dates and times of future meetings of the River Tees Port Health Authority during the 2025/26 municipal year.

RESOLVED that:

1. The following nominations be agreed:

Councillor M Dodds	Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor G Allen	Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor I Blades	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Councillor D Coupe	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Councillor T Furness	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Councillor P Gavigan	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Councillor L Hurst	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Councillor L Hall	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor S Hussain	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor E Johnson	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor M Mazi	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor P Weston	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor C Cawley	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor W Davies	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor M Fairley	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor P Grogan	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Councillor I Hart	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

2. The date and times of future meeting of the River Tees Port Health Authority for 2025/26 be noted.

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69 **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FOR RTPHA - FEBRUARY 2025 TO APRIL 2025**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented a report which gave a summary of the performance of the River Tees Port Health Authority from February 2025 to April 2025 - **NOTED**

70 **RTPHA - SERVICE PLAN 2025 TO 2026**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented a report which sought approval to the River Tees Port Health Authority Service Delivery Plan for 2025/26.

Members were advised that the Service Plan ensured that national priorities and standards were addressed and delivered locally. It enabled Officers to follow the principles of good regulation, focused on key delivery outcomes and issues, and provided information to stakeholders, including businesses and consumers.

Members were advised that priorities would be established within the service plan and agreed by Members. Compliance with the service plan would also be monitored and reported to Members. Any failure to satisfy the service standards would be acted upon and Members would be notified accordingly.

RESOLVED that the River Tees Port Health Authority Service Plan for 2025/26 be approved.

71 **RTPHA - CONSTITUTION**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented the River Tees Port Health Authority's Constitution for 2024.

Members were advised that the Constitution was reviewed annually and when any significant amendments were required to ensure the effective and lawful operation of the River Tees Port Health Authority. Updates had been made to staff structures and management responsibilities and all relevant legislation had been checked and updated as required.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the constitution of the River Tees Port Health Authority be approved.

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72 **RTPHA - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented the River Tees Port Health Authority's Memorandum of Understanding.

Members were advised that the Memorandum of Understanding set out the understanding of River Tees Port Health Authority (RTPHA) under the management of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC), and the riparian authorities, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Middlesbrough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council, of the principles that would underlie the relations between them.

The Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed annually and when any significant amendments were required to ensure the effective and lawful operation of the River Tees Port Health Authority. On this occasion the document had been reviewed, and no amendments had been made.

RESOLVED that the River Tees Port Health Authority's Memorandum of Understanding be approved.

73 **RTPHA - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented the River Tees Port Health Authority Corporate Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register.

Members were advised that the Authority must have a risk management strategy and risk register to ensure that risk was managed effectively.

Members were advised that the risk management strategy was presented annually to Members and on this occasion, there had been a change to the appointment of the new Treasurer.

RESOLVED that the Corporate Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register for the River Tees Port Health Authority be approved.

74 **RTPHA - SAMPLING POLICY 2025**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented a report which advised that it was the policy of the River Tees Port Health Authority to carry out sampling of food, feed, water and relevant products to protect public and animal health and to ensure fair trade.

The Sampling Policy was reviewed annually and when significant amendments were required to ensure all sampling was carried out in accordance with legal requirements. Members were advised that on this

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occasion the policy had been amended to include Products of Animal Origin.

RESOLVED that the Sampling Policy for 2025 be approved.

75 **RTPHA - ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2025**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented a report which advised that the River Tees Port Health Authority must have an Enforcement Policy to ensure that it acted fairly and consistently when taking enforcement action and that it had an established framework for enforcement decisions.

Members were advised that the Enforcement Policy was reviewed annually and when significant amendments were required to ensure effective and lawful operation of the River Tees Port Health Authority and on this occasion there were no amendments to the policy.

RESOLVED that the River Tees Port Health Authority Enforcement Policy 2025 be approved.

76 **CURRENT AND EMERGING RISKS**

The Executive Director of Growth, Enterprise and Environment submitted a report which gave details of several current and emerging risks from imported food and feed that have an impact on the River Tees Port Health Authority.

The risks included Foot and Mouth Disease, African Swine Fever, and Pestis de Petits Ruminants, full detail of which were set out in the report.

Members were advised that Great Britain was currently 'disease free' from these three animal diseases and the Government had introduced additional controls to ensure GB retained this.

Members were also advised that the main impact to the Authority had been from the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in Germany as our biggest importer was a German supermarket chain their products were mainly manufactured in Germany. Since the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak was confirmed in January 2025 it has had a huge impact on the service as it saw increased documentary checks on low-risk imports.

However, the service was able to secure additional Official Veterinarian capacity to ensure these checks were carried out in a timely manner and this has had minimal impact on the flow of food and feed through Teesport.

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The service continued to monitor the new and emerging risk to the service and regularly liaised with DEFRA, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), and the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.

77 **THE EU/UK TRADE DEAL**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment presented a report which advised that as recently reported in the press the UK and the EU have agreed on a new Strategic Partnership which included a substantial package set out in the Joint Statement: *Common Understanding, and Security and Defence Partnerships*.

This joint statement included the reference to changes to Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) checks currently being carried out by Port Health Authorities in the UK. Also included was the removal of most checks being carried out at the border.

Members were advised that the removal of these checks at the border was likely to reduce both the workload and the income for River Tees Port Health Authority when they were fully implemented, details of which were set out in the report.

RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.

78 **FINANCIAL OUTTURN POSITION FOR 2024/25 AND UPDATE FOR 2025/26 FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Treasurer presented a report which advised of the performance against the budget for the River Tees Port Health Authority for the 2024/25 financial year on revenue activities.

Members were advised that at its meeting on 8 December 2023 the Authority approved a balanced 2024/23 budget, based on the budgeted drawdown from reserves of £30,799 and a £157,650 funding contribution from the Teesside Riparian Authorities.

During 2024/25 Members were updated on an improved forecast position with the most recent update on 7 March 2025 forecasting a net surplus of £8,485 before funding contributions due to increased income, partially offset by an associated increase in employee and other overhead costs.

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Under the Accounts and Audit regulations 2015, the River Tees Port Health Authority was categorised as a small body for final accounts and audit purposes. This means that unlike local authorities, a detailed Statement of Accounts was not required.

The regulations require that an Annual Return covering the income & expenditure and assets & liabilities on revenue-based activities was produced and that this is audited in line with the above regulations.

The annual return for the 2024/25 financial year had been prepared and would be sent to the appointed external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP. The summary details for this return were set out in the report, together with the primary financial statements for the Authority, the Income and Expenditure account, and the Balance Sheet. The deadline to return the signed documents to the external auditor was 30 June 2025.

RESOLVED that:

1. The financial performance against budget for 2024/25 and the reasons for the budget variations of the River Tees Port Health Authority (the Authority) be noted;
2. The transfer of an underspend of £15,041 achieved in 2024/25, to reserves for carry-forward and use in 2025/26, to help mitigate the risks associated with the transition to a Target Operating Model (TOM) and any other unforeseen costs be approved;
3. The unaudited accounts for the River Tees Port Health Authority for 2024/25 be approved;
4. Approval be given to the Chair of the Board to sign Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return, to enable it to be forwarded to PKF Littlejohn LLP by the return deadline of 30 June 2025; and,
5. Approval be given to the Chair of the Board to sign Section 2, the Accounting Statements of the Annual Return, to enable it to be forwarded to PKF Littlejohn LLP by the return deadline of 30 June 2025.



Member Report

Performance Summary for River Tees Port Health Authority May 2025 to July 2025

Public

To: River Tees Port Health Authority **Date:** 05 Sept 2025

From: Corporate Director - Growth Enterprise Environment **Decision type:** For information

Portfolio: Health, Housing and Welfare **Forward Plan** N/A

Priority: All priorities **reference:**

Ward(s): ALL

1 What is the recommendation?

1.1 For information purposes only.

2 What part of the Corporate Plan does this report deliver and how, and what options have been considered?

2.1 This report provides an overview of the performance from 01 May 2025 to 31 July 2025.

2.2 Shipping movements through the River Tees

Shipping movements are consistent throughout the year with Stockton, and Redcar and Cleveland having the most berths and as such the most visits by ships. The Stockton (North Tees) side of the river mainly deals with petrochemicals, including oil, gas and other chemicals, and Redcar and Cleveland hosts the container and ro-ro (roll on-roll off) berths.

2.3

Authority	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Grand Total
Hartlepool	5	8	7	20
Middlesbrough	9	5	9	23
Redcar & Cleveland	120	121	117	358
Stockton	101	68	97	266
Grand Total	235	202	230	667

2.4

Ship Inspections and Issue of Ship Sanitation Certificates

All requests for renewal of a Ship Sanitation Certificate were attended to. Whilst all UK Covid restrictions have been lifted, officers continue to take precautions prior to boarding a vessel.

All ships must supply a Declaration of Health prior to officers boarding; any sign of infectious disease on board will be risk assessed prior to boarding.

2.5 Ship Inspections

Authority	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Grand Total
Hartlepool				
Exemption	0	1	2	3
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough				
Exemption	1	1	1	3
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Redcar & Cleveland				
Exemption	4	2	2	8
Routine	1	0	0	1
Control	0	0	0	0
Stockton				
Exemption	2	2	2	2
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Total	8	6	7	21

2.6 Water Samples – ship and jetty supplies

All requests for water samples are attended to where there is availability for the laboratory to collect the samples within an appropriate time frame. The laboratory can collect samples Monday to Friday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are dedicated free pick-up times, and Monday and Friday are ad-hoc collections which incur an additional charge to the ship.

Any unsatisfactory samples are provided with advice and information and a recommendation to resample at their next port of call.

2.7 Ship Water Sample Results

Type of sample	Outcome	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Total
Ship Bacteriological	Satisfactory	7	6	8	21
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	2	2
Ship Legionella	Satisfactory	6	1	5	12
	Unsatisfactory	0	1	2	3
Jetty Water	Satisfactory	0	0	0	0
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	13	8	17	38

2.8 Imported Food and Feed

All official controls are carried out within relevant timescales, and this varies depending on the type of product and regulation requirements.

Tea, coffee, and wine are the main imported food items from outside the EU, a small amount of feed is also imported. The quantity of plastic kitchenware from China and Hong Kong continues to be minimal.

2.9 IUU (Illegal Unreported Unregulated Checks)

Imports of fish from the EU require catch certificate endorsement and/or a processing statement check. We are working with importers and agents to ensure these are pre-notified at least 24 hours before arrival at Teesport and manifested correctly.

Most Tees imports are containers and trailers with processed fishery products, such as tinned tuna, fish fingers and surimi (mixed fish sticks) on board.

	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Total
Fishery products	151	106	111	368

2.10 Product of Animal Origin (POAO)

Imports of POAO are risk rated, low, medium and high. Low risk products include pasteurised dairy products, ambient stable goods, and pet food. Medium risk products include meat and fishery products. High risk products include live animals and germinal products.

	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Total
POAO	2269	2221	2281	6771

2.11 Organics

The service has certified a total of 5 consignments of organic imports between May and July 2025.

2.12 Plastic Kitchenware from China and Hong Kong

The service did not receive any consignments of plastic kitchenware during May and July 2025.

2.13 Health Entry Documents for High-Risk Food not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO)

The service received 8 consignments of high-risk food not of animal origin during May and July 2025.

2.14 Infectious disease notifications

There were no incidents of infectious disease notifications between May and July 2025.

2.15 Teesside Airport

There have been no imports of food or feed through the airport between May and July 2025.

2.16 Policies and Plans

All policies and plans have been reviewed and updated where required and were presented at the June 2025 Board meeting. They are available to view on our website at www.teesporthealth.co.uk

3 Who has been consulted and engaged?

3.1 Senior Officers of the Riparian Authorities.

4 What are the risks and resource implications?

4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Appendices and further information

5.1 There are no appendices with this report.

6 Background papers

6.1 No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

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Member Report - For Information

Current and Emerging Risks

Public

To: River Tees Port Health Authority

Date: 05 Sept 2025

From: Growth, Enterprise & Environment Scrutiny

Decision type: For Information

Portfolio: Health, Housing and Welfare

Forward Plan Reference: N/A

Priority: All Priorities

1.	Summary of report
1.1.	There are a number of current and emerging risks that have an impact on River Tees Port Health Authority (RTPHA). These risks include Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), African Swine Fever (ASF), and Pestes de Petits Ruminants (PPR). Great Britain (GB) is currently 'disease free' from these three animal diseases and the Government has introduced additional controls to ensure GB retains this.
2.	What are the objectives of the report and how do they link to the Council's priorities?
2.1.	To inform Members of the current and emerging risks to GB from imported food and feed, in particular Foot and Mouth Disease, African Swine Fever and Pestes des Petit Ruminants.
3.	Background

3.1.	The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) monitors all new and emerging risks that may enter GB that may have an impact on food, feed and animals. Diseases such as FMD can have a huge impact on the farming community and the food and feed entering the UK.
3.2.	According to the National Audit Office, the last FMD outbreak in the UK cost the public sector over £3 million and the private sector more than £5 billion. It is therefore extremely important to monitor these new and emerging risks and put measures in place quickly to prevent the spread of such diseases. <u>The 2001 Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease - NAO report</u>
3.3.	Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) FMD is an infectious and sometimes fatal viral disease that primarily affects even-toed ungulates (hooved animals), including domestic and wild cattle. The virus causes a high fever lasting two to six days, followed by blisters inside the mouth and near the hoof that may rupture and cause lameness. The FMD virus can be transmitted in a number of ways, including close-contact, animal-to-animal spread, long-distance aerosol spread, or inanimate objects, typically fodder and motor vehicles.
3.4.	RTPHA was notified about a FMD outbreak in Germany on 10 January 2025 by Defra. Emergency measures were put in place for the whole of GB to restrict imports of affected animals and products, and relevant consignments were placed on hold pending further information. Germany subsequently lost its disease-free status for FMD and further outbreaks were confirmed in Slovakia and Hungary with Austria being impacted as it fell within the exclusion Zones bordering Hungary.
3.5.	Both Germany and Austria have since had their restrictions lifted, provided that all other import conditions can be met and all attestations in the Health Certificates can be certified.
3.6.	Pestes des Petites Ruminants Pestse des petits ruminants virus (PPR) is a highly contagious viral disease of sheep and goats and infection has been noted in antelope, camels and water buffalo. Cattle and pigs can be affected too but tend not to develop clinical signs. Outbreaks result in morbidity and mortality rates as high as 90%. PPRV is transmitted through direct contact of infected and susceptible animals, via aerosolised bodily fluids over short distances, or through contaminated feed, water, pastures and animal housing.
3.7.	RTPHA was notified of an outbreak in Greece and Romania in September 2024, Bulgaria in December 2024, and Hungary in January 2025. The main commodities affected are live animals, and raw milk and milk products. The service has a small number of these products where increased checks are required.

3.8.	Lumpy Skin Disease An outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) was confirmed 21 June 2025 on a cattle farm in Sardinia; as a result, Italy lost its LSD-free status. Lumpy skin disease affects cattle, water buffalo and some exotic species including antelope and giraffes. It can cause severe illness in susceptible animals and outbreaks can cause trade and movement restrictions. It does not affect people or food safety.
3.9.	Following the outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease, imports of Bovine commodities, including raw milk and milk products were suspended until safeguard declarations and heat treatments were agreed and implemented. These measures were implemented on 26 June 2025.
3.10.	On 29 June 2025, France also lost its disease-free status, and specific imports were suspended. On 10 July, safeguard measures were implemented.
3.11.	African Swine Fever African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious and deadly disease in pigs and wild boar that can be transmitted through infected meat but poses no risk to human health. An outbreak of ASF could have a significant impact on the UK's £8 billion pig industry, as well as its annual pork and pork product exports worth £600 million. It is estimated that an outbreak could cost the UK between £10 million to £100 million should it ever occur.
3.12.	In September 2022 legislation was introduced to prevent the import of illegal pork products from the EU, including health marking on packaging to ensure it comes from a country authorised to export to the UK. Further measures were implemented in September 2024 to prohibit personal imports of pork and pork products over 2kg.
3.13.	ASF presents a big problem to ports where ferry traffic is the main route of entry. Dover in particular has a big problem with illegal imports due to the amount and type of traffic coming through these short straits.
3.14.	Impacts to RTPHA The main impacts to RTPHA have been from the FMD outbreak in Germany. Since the FMD restrictions have been lifted, the service has seen a reduction in documentary checks on low-risk imports. However, the service does have a number of Bovine products from Italy and France that require additional checks for the LSD.
3.15.	The service continues to monitor the new and emerging risk to the service and regularly liaises with DEFRA, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), and the Food Standards Agency (FSA).
4.	Appendices and background papers

4.1.	Further information about current issues relating to imports of animal products can be found at the link below. Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues - GOV.UK
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Member Report

2025/26 Financial Position Update

Public

To:	River Tees Port Health Authority	Date:	5 September 2025
From:	Deputy Treasurer	Decision type:	Key - Budget
Portfolio:	Health, Housing and Welfare	Forward Plan reference:	n/a
Outcome:	All priorities		
Ward(s):	All		

1 What is the purpose of this report?

- 1.1 To update the River Tees Port Health Authority Board (the Board) on the financial position of the Authority at the end of June 2025 (Period 03) and to highlight any variances against the 2025/26 approved budget.

2 What part of the Corporate Plan does this report deliver, and how and what other options have been considered?

- 2.1 The management of the Authority's budget is critical to the ongoing operations of the Port Health Service. As such no other options are available.

3 What is the background to this report?

- 3.1 At its meeting on 13th December 2024 the Authority approved a balanced 2025/26 budget, which is based on a surplus, to be added to reserves of £21,250 and a £157,650 funding contribution from the Teesside Riparian Authorities.

3.2 Projected Outturn 25/26

The Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) became operational at the end of April 2024 with imports split into categories of goods that are low, medium and high risk.

The forecast income and costs for 25/26 have been updated for updated overtime, and final pay award estimates together with run rate veterinary costs, these increased costs (c £48k) are expected to be offset by increased POAO income. Early indications are that increase in revenues versus budget will exceed increase in costs, improving the overall outturn position. However, given this is the early part of the year and given the Governments recent announcement regarding a trade deal with the EU, and expected change to the Border Target Operating Model, net forecast position (small surplus of £21,250) has been left unchanged and will be revisited in December 2025.

A summary of the financial position (at the end of June 2025) is set out in the table below:

	Budget 2025/26	Actual	Projected Outturn 2025/26	Variance Budget to Outturn
Expenditure				
Employee Costs	242,350	60,443	254,500	12,150
Other operating costs	396,900	70,417	432,850	35,950
Total Costs	639,250	130,860	687,350	48,100
Income including grants	(660,500)	(170,689)	(708,600)	(48,100)
Net Expenditure	(21,250)	(39,830)	(21,250)	0
Riparian Contributions	(157,650)	(23,648)	(157,650)	0
Net	(178,900)	(63,478)	(178,900)	0

The main variances when comparing budget to projected outturn are as follows:

Employee Costs – a forecast overspend of £12,150. This increase mainly reflects updated overtime cost expectation, based on current run rates (c. £12k versus £2k budget), to support meeting the demand of BTOM.

Other Operating Costs – a forecast overspend of £35,950. This is demand driven, additional veterinary service provision (£25,000) to cover the increase in checks following the outbreaks of animal related diseases in the EU, and increased computer licence cost (c. £11k). This will continue to be monitored as the year progresses.

Income - £35,950 more than budget as a result of additional product of animal origin income. Forecast will be updated in December meeting.

Further analysis can be seen in Appendix 1.

As a result of the above, the net contribution to reserves, after Riparian contributions (£157,650) is currently estimated to be in line with budget £178,900.

The expected outturn position for 25/26 will continue to be closely monitored over the coming months as future government policy becomes clearer.

3.3 2026-27 Financial Plan and beyond

A plan for beyond 26/27 budget and longer term plans will be prepared and presented based on best information and estimates incorporating Government policy where possible as it becomes clearer.

4 Who will this benefit and how?

- 4.1 The production of this financial information will ensure that the Authority will be compliant with the current legislation and proper practices in terms of financial management. As such it will cover the Riparian authorities and all the Tees Valley population in terms of a fit for purpose River Tees Port Health organisation.

5 Who have we consulted?

- 5.1 The report has been prepared in consultation with the Directors of Resources and Public Health for Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, and the individual port health officers at each of the riparian authorities.

6 How will it deliver our priorities and improve our performance?

- 6.1 Investment in Port Health services has been earmarked as an ongoing priority by the Tees Valley Chief Executives. In addition, the debate on funding levels for local councils has been the driver for improved operational performance and the delivery of a value for money service.

7 What will be the impact on equality and diversity?

- 7.1 There will be no impact on equality and diversity from this report.

8 What will be the impact on our carbon footprint?

- 8.1 There is no impact from this report on our carbon footprint.

9 Are there any legal considerations?

- 9.1 There are no specific legal issues to consider because of this report.

10 Appendices and further information

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Budget Monitoring Position June 2025

11 Contact officer

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Appendix 1

	Budget 2025/26	Actual 2025/26	Projected Outturn 2025/26	Variance
Basic Pay	189,900	46,491	192,450	2,550
NI Contributions	27,300	5,472	22,850	- 4,450
Other Pay	-	-	-	-
Overtime	2,000	2,659	12,050	10,050
Superann Contributions	19,900	5,746	23,900	4,000
Other Allowances	2,750	-	2,750	-
Car Allowances	500	74	500	-
	242,350	60,443	254,500	12,150
Training Expenses	500	-	-	- 500
Tools & Equipment Purchase	1,100	96	1,050	- 50
Clothing, Uniforms & Laundry	500	-	500	-
Printing & Stationery	100	-	100	-
Photocopier Usage	50	-	50	-
Services - Professional Fees	372,850	45,689	397,850	25,000
General Supplies and Services	-	50	50	50
Mobile Phones	750	120	750	-
Computer Software	18,550	24,462	30,000	11,450
Subscriptions	1,300	-	1,300	-
Public Liability Insurance	1,200	-	1,200	-
	396,900	70,417	432,850	35,950
Other Income				-
Government Grants - DEFRA/FSA	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Fees - Environmental Health & Pest control				
Product of Animal Origin	553,500	146,419	601,600	48,100
Catch Certification	66,950	12,088	66,950	-
Sanitation Certificates	28,350	7,285	28,350	-
High Risk Products Imports	250	314	250	-
Organic Certificates	800	200	800	-
RTPHA Permits (annual fee)	700	684	700	-
Plastic Declaration	700	-	700	-
Water Sampling	9,250	3,706	9,250	-
	660,500	170,689	708,600	48,100
Net Expenditure	- 21,250	- 39,830	- 21,250	-
Other Grants & Contributions - Other Organisations				
RTPHA - Middlesbrough Council	23,648	23,648	23,648	-
RTPHA - Stockton Council	48,872	-	48,872	-
RTPHA - Hartlepool Council	3,152	-	3,152	-
RTPHA - Redcar & Cleveland Council	81,978	-	81,978	-
Total Due from Riparian Authorities	157,650	23,648	157,650	-
Net	- 178,900	- 63,478	- 178,900	-